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Superintendent Joseph "Rick" Fuentes had been named in the suit filed on behalf of seven freed

"Good," said Codey, D-Essex, who is state Senate president. "I agree. When you are convicted

of crimes like that, you give up certain rights. That's too bad."

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offenders in Mercer County.

NJ Lottery	"I am very pleased," said state Sen. Peter Inverso, R-Mercer. "The Internet registry is an important tool in protecting society and our children from sexual predators."
JOB OPENINGS	The case arose in Mercer County, where seven sex offenders, the state Office of the Public
• Work for Us	Defender and the New Jersey chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union argued that posting the data online unfairly punished people who had paid their debt to society and that exposure
	online denied them equal protections.
Smart Talk Lecture	
	Unlike notifying neighborhoods and schools about sex offenders moving into the area, publishing the offenders' information on the Internet was tantamount to worldwide publication,
CONTESTS	the plaintiffs argued.
Reader Rewards	The court disagreed that Internet exposure was unfair and said it did not deny equal protections,
EDUCATION	noting it "does not irrationally target an unpopular group."
• Newspaper in Education Program	"The United States Supreme Court has stated that "The equal-protection clause does not prohibit the legislature from recognizing degrees of evil' and differentiating between crimes or
MERCHANDISE	offenders," the state appeals court ruled.
Newspaper Store	Plaintiffs' reactions
PROMOTIONS	
• AN KIIII/ WAIK	A spokeswoman for the ACLU of New Jersey, Annu Mangat, declined to comment on the
• Earn \$600/mo.	appellate ruling.
Kids Stuff Club	Tom Described a gradesemen for the public defender, said, "The court unheld the right of New
Whatever Club	Tom Rosenthal, a spokesman for the public defender, said: "The court upheld the right of New Jersey voters to eliminate the right to privacy and other constitutional rights of sex offenders Our overall comment is we are heartened by the scrutiny that's being applied tothe various
	aspects of Megan's Law." He said his office is likely to appeal.
• Local Coupons	, ,,
• Fishing & Boating • Restaurants	Publicizing the identities and addresses of some freed sex offenders has come to be known as Megan's Law, for Megan Kanka, the Hamilton, Mercer County, 7-year-old who was raped and killed in 1994 by a convicted sex offender. The man had resided across the street, a fact that was unknown in the suburban community.
READERS' CHOICE	
• Best of 2005	Since then, laws establishing sex-offender registries have emerged across the country, despite challengers who argue pedophiles, rapists, molesters and others possess some rights to privacy
ADVERTISING	and equal treatment.
	Hamilton Mayor Glen Gilmore, an advocate for posting the identities on the Internet and friend of the Kanka family, said: "This is viridication of a law that makes complete common sense."
	of the Kanka family, said: "This is vindication of a law that makes complete common sense. With this sort of crime, the statistics show that the offenders are far too often repeat offenders.
	We need to give parents every tool to be as vigilant as possible."
Vacation Rentals	
Submit Club/Bar	Citing the impact of the Internet today, Gilmore said, "The most essential piece of information is, "What does the sex offender look like?"





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